

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT
OF BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD.
AND TERRY DONNELLY, AS OWNERS
OF THE VESSEL M/V BLUE DOLPHIN,
O/N 1082213, FOR EXONERATION
FROM AND/OR LIMITATION OF
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15:02:45 1 Q All right. And I'll warrant to you that
15:02:50 2 previous witnesses have identified the vessel in the
15:02:56 3 foreground of the exhibit you just held up, the one
15:02:56 4 with the X on the hull, as the vessel Blue Dolphin.
15:02:59 5 Do you recall anybody ever telling you that that was
15:03:01 6 the name of that vessel?

15:03:02 7 A I -- you know, I looked at it because I
15:03:04 8 wanted to book a dive trip with them. So yes, I
15:03:08 9 remember that I thought, wow, this is really cool, I
15:03:11 10 would love to snorkel -- or not snorkel, but dive in
15:03:15 11 this area, because I'd been on another dive drip in
15:03:21 12 Kauai and there wasn't much reef. And, you know, they
15:03:24 13 took us out, but it was all pretty much sandy, the big
15:03:28 14 waves had, you know, demolished most of the coral.
15:03:32 15 And I thought this would be a great trip to go on, and
15:03:36 16 then come in that area and be able to snorkel.

15:03:39 17 So yeah, I did see it.

15:03:40 18 Q Let me ask you this, do you have dive
15:03:41 19 training yourself?

15:03:44 20 A Yes.

15:03:44 21 Q Do you hold any sport-diving certificates?

15:03:45 22 A Yes, I have an open-dive certificate from
15:03:49 23 PADI.

15:03:50 24 Q From P-A-D-I, PADI?

15:03:52 25 A Yes.

15:03:53 1 Q When did you receive that open-dive
15:03:55 2 certificate?

15:03:55 3 A I think about 25 years. I don't recall, but
15:03:58 4 it was -- it's been quite a while.

15:04:02 5 Q Now, you just indicated that you had been
15:04:03 6 diving, that is to say, scuba diving, in Hawaii?

15:04:07 7 A Yes, I've done it a couple times.

15:04:09 8 Q And when did you first consider taking a
15:04:12 9 scuba-diving trip aboard the Blue Dolphin?

15:04:14 10 A Oh, that day when I saw them. I saw the
15:04:16 11 dive tanks on them and I saw the divers going in the
15:04:19 12 water, and I thought, wow, this would be a great trip
15:04:23 13 to go on for, you know, a cruise and be able to go
15:04:26 14 scuba diving.

15:04:27 15 Q Okay, so we'll get to that in just a moment.
15:04:30 16 In the meantime, let me ask you this. The evidence
15:04:35 17 shows that the vessels were anchored in a more or less
15:04:39 18 north-to-south line. There was the Lucky Lady, which
15:04:41 19 is the vessel in the background of that photograph,
15:04:46 20 the Blue Dolphin, which is in the foreground, your
15:04:49 21 vessel, the Akialoa, and then a little further south
15:04:52 22 was the Layla. Do you recall that being the lineup
15:04:56 23 out there?

15:04:56 24 A Yes.

15:05:01 25 Q When did you first spot scuba tanks on the

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